(*b*) The timings are assigned by the Police Department.

(*c*) (*i*) 10 trips according to the present time-table.

(*ii*) 10 trips according to the present time-table.

(*d*) The existing arrangements have been quite satisfactory. Over and above the 10 trips, the Company is also allowed to run specials if there are extra passengers.

(*e*) As this company is just like several other Unions and its main interest is profit, it cannot be entirely relied on to run the service as it wants. It was in the interest of the travelling public that a time-table was fixed and extra permission to allow specials was granted.

KIZHAKKE CHALAKKUDI-PARIYARAM ROAD.

137. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether P. W. D. has made provision for the completion of the Kizhakke Chalakkudi-Pariyaram Road, so that this road may reach the St. George's School, Pariyaram?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No provision has been made for this work, since road constructions are now being carried out according to a definite programme chalked out by a Board constituted for the purpose. The Board has included this work only in the list of roads considered by the Roard Board as desirable but deleted from the programme on considerations of finance.

CHALAKKUDI-MALA ROAD.

138. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the P. W. D. had decided to take over the charge of the whole of the Chalakkudi-Mala Road;

(*b*) what is the total length of this road;

(*c*) what is the length of this road now under the P. W. D.;

(*d*) what is the length under the Panchayat?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* (*a*) There is no such proposal,

(*b*) 4 miles, 7 furlongs and 185 yards.

(*c*) 2 miles and 4 furlongs.

(*d*) 2 miles, 3 furlongs and 185 yards.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Sir, considering the importance of this road, is it not better that the administration of

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the whole road is taken over by the P. W. D.? The present form of dyarchy in the maintenance of this road does not seem to work well?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The portion of the road maintained by the Panchayat Department has not been aligned properly. So the work will come under 'Original construction' and not simply maintenance. Since we are not doing many works on roads of an original character outside the programme laid down by the Road Board, we are not able to take up the work now.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know the time when this was transfered to the P. W. D.?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It was not transferred.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: May I take it then that it was originally under the P. W. D.?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: No, It was with the Panchayat all the time.

KODAKARA-VELLIKKULANGARA ROAD.

139. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Kodakara-Vellikkulangara road has now been completed;

(*b*) if not, what is the reason for such a long delay?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) The road has not been completed. The extension has been provided for in the Road Board programme to be taken up this year.

(*b*) The acquisition proceedings are in progress and the estimate is under preparation.

SHANMUKHAM CANAL—PROGRESS MADE.

140. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how far the Shanmukham canal has progressed;

(*b*) what is the width of the land acquired on both sides of the canal;

(*c*) how will this area be utilised;

(*d*) have the Government any idea to keep this as a cocoanut garden and foot-path?

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